

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 13-18 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101. Claims 1-18 have been rejected on prior art grounds.

I. Formal Matters

Applicant thanks the Examiner for initialing and returning the SB/08 Form submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement of July 29, 2003, indicating that the documents cited therein have been considered. Applicant also thanks the Examiner for indicating acceptance of the drawings filed on July 29, 2003, and for acknowledging the foreign priority claim and receipt of the priority document.

II. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 13-18 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as allegedly directed to a recording medium storing nonfunctional descriptive material. Applicant has amended claims 13-18 in a manner believed to overcome the rejection.

III. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 1-18 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Maruyama et al. (U.S. Patent Publ. No. 2002/0154895, hereinafter "Maruyama"). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

A. Claim 1

Applicant submits that claim 1 is patentable over Maruyama. For example, claim recites, *inter alia*, "receiving collective selection of the still image data sets and/or digital video data sets in a predetermined recording unit; and generating the serial reproduction digital video data by

arranging the selected still image data sets and/or digital video data sets in predetermined order.” The Examiner cites Figure 25 and claim 1 of Maruyama as teaching the above-cited features. However, Figure 25 of Maruyama merely teaches a collection of video and audio data sets 1012, 1013 and 1014. For example, with regard to claim 2, the Examiner maintains that movie AV file information table 1022 and still picture AV file information table 1023 are examples of the claimed predetermined recording unit. *See* Office Action at page 3. However, the movie AV file information table 1022 and the still picture AV file information table 1023 of Maruyama merely manage data structures in video object 1012, and information about recording positions on optical disc 1001. In other words, Maruyama is silent as to how the data sets are received. Specifically, Maruyama fails to teach or suggest “receiving collective selection of the still image data sets and/or digital video sets in a predetermined recording unit.” Accordingly, Applicant submits that claim 1 is patentable over the Maruyama for at least the foregoing reason.

B. Claims 2-6

Since claims 2-6 are dependent upon claim 1, Applicant submits that such claims are patentable over Maruyama at least by virtue of their dependency.

C. Claims 7-12

Since claim 7 contains features that are similar to the features discussed above in conjunction with claim 1, Applicants submit that it is patentable for at least similar reasons. Since claims 8-12 are dependent upon claim 7, Applicant submits that such claims are patentable over Maruyama at least by virtue of their dependency.

D. Claims 13-18

Since claim 13 contains features that are similar to the features discussed above in conjunction with claim 1, Applicants submit that it is patentable for at least similar reasons. Since claims 14-18 are dependent upon claim 13, Applicant submits that such claims are patentable over Maruyama at least by virtue of their dependency.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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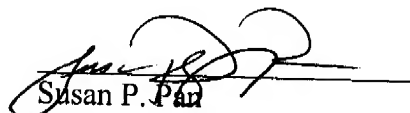
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